



# SCHOOL TALK

## Eden Central School

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER.....

#### Winter Concert

Our annual winter concert will take place Wednesday, December 15th beginning at 6:30. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

#### Winter Break

School is not in session beginning Thursday, Decem-

ber 23rd through Sunday, January 2nd. School re-opens Monday, January 3rd. We wish everyone a great holiday season.

members. A special thanks to Muriel and Cecile for all their hard work.

Mr. Lindgren

#### Community Dinner

Our community dinner was a big success with 230 lunches being served to students, staff and community

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Dec. 15-Winter Concert-6:30
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3-No School
- Jan. 3-School resumes
- Jan 17-No School
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### FIRST GRADE NEWS.....

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There is a lot of excitement in the first grade room. It is that time of the year. I am happy to welcome Jovial to our first grade classroom. He is a great addition to the class and brings our number up to a baker's dozen. We have enjoyed beginning our unit on our Five Senses. We have done some investigations with our sense of smell, touch, and sound. The children have really enjoyed liking the experiments in which they are using their senses to figure out what things are.

We have been studying about combinations in math. We have been working on our addition and subtraction facts in our from land to sea unit. It has also included some work on money also. We are ended the unit with crab and sea star problems. Thank you to all of the parents who

have supported the school and attended the parent teacher conferences and the community dinner. I really enjoy seeing all of you. I am really looking forward to the concert on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

I wish all of you the best of holidays. Have a safe and wonderful holiday. Enjoy the vacation with your children. See you all next year.  
Mrs. Tague

The Second Graders have been working on their addition and subtraction facts. They have been learning different strategies to learn their facts. They have been learning about doubles and neighbors, adding 10's and how

that relates to nines, and so on... The students should have some ways to figure out the facts and relate it to other facts in order to solve them. We will be wrapping this up before the holiday and be ready to move on after the vacation. I hope you all have a wonder vacation and a great holiday season.  
Love,  
Mrs. Tague



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS.....

The kindergarten class is busy this month getting ready for our music show that will be next week on December 15<sup>th</sup>, here at our school at 6:30. We hope to see you all here.

The children will be making gifts for each other and for special people. We also will work at making cards for people.

One of our classmates got hurt and everyone made cards to send to him. We hope he enjoys them. We miss him and we look forward to his return to school.

We have a new student that we welcome to our class, we welcome Madisyn. She is a wonderful person. Our class has grown a lot in numbers this fall.

In math we have started to use and count pennies. We have been reading books about money and playing store. Counting pennies is fun.

People are counting up to fifty and beyond everyday in class. We also count by 10's.

We are learning a song called,

“This little light of mine”, we are going to do a rewrite of this song and sing it to our friends here at school at community meeting. This class loves to sing.

It was great talking to so many parents at conferences, thank you for coming in and working with us here at school. It is so important that we work as a team. We have wonderful children here.

Happy Holidays to all of you and have a wonderful new year!!!

Mrs. Tobin



*Wishing you all a joyous and safe Holiday Season!*



## 2ND GRADE NEWS.....

We enjoyed seeing all the parents who attended parent/teacher conferences and sharing your child's progress with you. If you were unable to attend conferences but would still like to meet with us be sure to call.

### First Grade Literacy

We began our new writing activity by brainstorming about all the things we knew about winter. As Vermonters we know a lot! Then we read a book about winter which gave us some more ideas to add to our list. We used our list to help us write acrostic poems about winter. First Mrs. Chauvin did one to show us how to do it. Then we did one together in small groups. Finally, we each wrote our own winter acrostic. We are going to do a special illustration to go with our poems. We will save them for the Celebration of Student Work in April. When we finish our illustrations, we will be writing stories from picture prompts and of course writing our letters to Santa.

### Second Grade Literacy

We recently finished writing our personal narratives and they are really good. You'll see. Then we typed them on the computer. Next we wrote an author page which we also typed. Mrs. Chauvin is making our stories and author page into a book for each one of us. Finally we will be illustrating each page in our book. We will be sharing our books with family and friends at the Celebration of Student Work in April. Our next project is a rewrite of the 12 Days of Christmas which we will be singing at Community Meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00. Please come if you can!

### Second Grade Theme

The ant farm that Mrs. Chauvin ordered came just as we were finishing up our unit but we have enjoyed watching the ants build their tunnels. Since then we have been learning about the Pilgrims. We started by learning about these people before they decided to come to the New World. We learned a lot since we really didn't know anything about this part of their story. Next we journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower and learned about what a dangerous and uncomfortable trip that was. Finally we have read and learned about what it was like for children living at Plymouth Plantation in the year 1627. We wish we lived close enough so we could visit there. Maybe some of us will get to go there someday.

November went by really fast due to the Thanksgiving break. It's hard to believe its December already. It is zooming by quickly as well. Happy Holidays to all of you!!

Mrs. Chauvin

## 3RD GRADE NEWS.....

The months are flying by in third grade! We have two new friends in third grade, Macey and Trust. The third graders have been doing a great job of helping Macey and Trust get adjusted to our school. Thanks everyone!

In math, we have just begun our exploration of multiplication – a huge milestone in the third grade year! Student have made posters showing groups of things and written the multiplication equations that go with their groups. We will continue our study of multiplication in the next couple of months after the holiday vacation.

In social studies, we are finishing our study of geography this week. Student have learned about many different kinds of maps (landform and resource

maps especially), latitude and longitude, the four hemispheres, continents and oceans, and distance calculation! We have also spent some time learning how to use GoogleEarth.

Reading groups are going very well. Right now one group is reading the book Just Juice by Karen Hesse. Another group is reading Maybelle and the Soup by Katie Speck. We have been examining some of the character traits of the main characters in each book. In writing, we have been learning about the response to literature genre. As a group piece, we have been responding to the book The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles. The third graders have decided on two character traits that describe Ruby Bridges and have found evidence in the text to prove their opinion. Keep up the

## 4TH GRADE NEWS.....

### Writing By: Jenni & Dustin

In writing, we have been working on writing personal narratives. We brainstormed a list of topics first and then we chose a topic and wrote a timeline. Next we focused on our beginnings and after that we worked on the middle of our narratives. The last thing we did was work on our endings to make sure we had strong conclusions. Most of us are typing our final pieces right now. We love to write!

### Reading By: Lily & Monica

We continued to read fiction books in our reading groups. All of the groups are reading chapter books and some of the groups are reading Gary Paulsen books. We have been reading a lot so we can become better readers. Mr. Naughton just finished reading us Mudshark by Gary Paulsen during read aloud time. He also read us many government books that connected to our social studies unit on government.

### Social Studies By: Gabby, Isaiah & Ryan

We have been learning about government during social studies. There are different types of government like local, state and federal. We did a cool project about the three branches of government. The President runs our country. Did you know that you have to be 35 years old to run for President and 18 years old to vote? Don't forget to vote!

### Math By: Mariah & Riley

In math we are learning to multiply. This week we worked on the two's and three's. We made flash cards and have been working with partners to learn our facts. This is how we

count by two's: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12. When you multiply by two, you just have to double the number and when you multiply by three, you double the number and add the number one more time. Pretty easy huh?

### Specials By: Charlotte & Ellabea

In music we are getting ready for our Holiday concert. We are singing three songs and have been practicing a lot. In P.E. we just finished up our juggling unit. A lot of people chose to juggle feathers. In library we are learning about books that won the Nobel Peace Prize. In art we finished up our Aborigine projects and are now working on projects to help decorate for the Holiday concert. Finally in guidance, we have been learning many ways to help us get along better.

### Class News By: Erica & Alan

Happy Holidays everyone! Our December birthdays are Mr. Naughton's on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Ava's on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We finally got our 20<sup>th</sup> juicy star and voted to have a slumber party and watch a movie. We will be watching "Horton Hears a Who" and we can't wait! Also, Ava moved last month but she will be coming to visit when we have our juicy star party and we are so excited to see her!

### Mr. Naughton By: Cora & Bryce

Our student teacher, Mr. Naughton, has finished his coursework but will be staying with us until Christmas vacation. He said that he has many fond memories of his time at ECS. He will be looking for a job this winter and trying to snowboard as much as possible. He said he is grateful to all of the students and especially Mrs.

great work!

The third grade website is up and running! Please take a moment to check out the great work the third graders are doing! The site is a work in progress and we will continue to add to it during the course of the year. To visit the site, go the [www.edenschool.net](http://www.edenschool.net) and click on the "Grade 3" link in the side bar.

I would like wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

See you in 2011!

-Mrs. Allardyce



Elliott. Mr. Naughton liked the static electricity lessons the most.

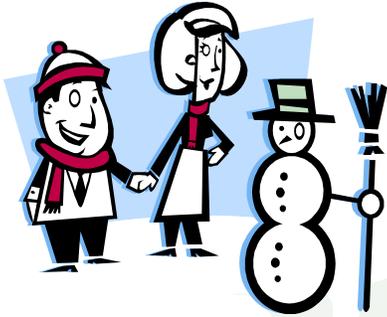
### Interview With Mr. Lindgren By: Rhianon & Ethan

What is your favorite part about being a principal? "Watching students learn and make academic progress...and recess"  
What is your favorite hobby? "Fishing and hunting"

What is your favorite tie to wear to school? "The one with the red books, green apples and pencil on it"

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season and enjoys being with family and friends! -Mrs. Elliott





WE'RE ON THE WEB:  
[EDENSCHOOL.NET](http://EDENSCHOOL.NET)



## AFTERSCHOOL NEWS.....

This Afterschool session has almost come to an end. Our last day is Thursday, December 16th. We are planning a special Holiday Celebration for that day. Because of the snow days and the program cancellations, Monday December 20th will be a make-up day. The make-up classes will be for scrapbooking, dance, and candle making.

On December 22nd, the school will be having Community Meeting at 9 am. Our dance class will be giving a performance for the school. All family and friends are invited to attend also.

Our 3rd session begins January 10th and goes until February 17th. Sign up sheets will be going home next week. Please look for these in your child's backpack or homework folder.

We are having a wonderful time in Afterschool and are looking forward to more fun and learning in the New Year.

Best Wishes and Happy Holidays!!!

All of us in the Eden Afterschool Program



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS